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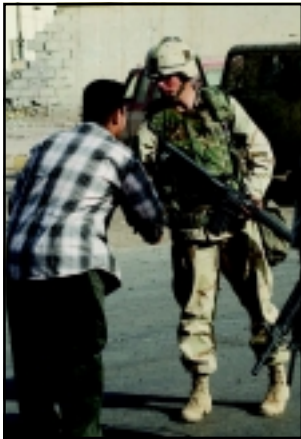
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On the cover: An Iraqi civilian takes a second to shake hands and thank Spc. Richard Edward, a tanker with Headquarters Company, Task Force 2-69 Armor and Port Richey, Fla. native, for what the U.S. forces have done in liberating Iraq. Photo by Spc. Adam Nuelken

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COMMENTARY

Staying focused

SPC. JACOB BOYER
3ID (M) PAO

Quick, show of hands, how many of you out there in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) thought we were on our way home?

I think just about all of us believed things were winding down and were starting to think about all of the great things we were going to do when we got home. Just as Saddam Hussein's statue fell in downtown Baghdad, the rumors started flying throughout the ranks of the Marne Division.

We were going home.

We weren't going home.

The 4th Infantry Division was going to relieve us.

No, it wasn't the 4th, it was 1st Armor Division.

We were going to keep going and fight Iran.

We were going to keep going and fight Syria.

3rd Brigade would go home first.

2nd Brigade would go home first.

We'd be back in time to march in an Independence Day parade in New York City.

You couldn't tell truth from fiction. It seemed like everybody was an expert on what was coming next for this division.

But there was no official word on anything. We just kept the mission going.

After months of preparation

and warfighting in a desert thousands of miles from home, most of the people I talked to felt it was just a matter of waiting for 1st AD to show up. Then we'd be convoying back to Kuwait and could start putting this whole thing behind us.

Some thought we'd be back by Memorial Day (stop laughing!). Others were conservative and figured the division would be back by Independence Day.

The funny thing about rumors

let ourselves get too down about it. There's a mission to perform. Whether you're patrolling a back alley in Fallujah, doing maintenance to keep the division's helicopters flying or preparing meals for everyone else, each of us has an important role to play in events still to come.

This division has already made history as it fought its way to Baghdad. The pride we take in a job well done is apparent every time you see a soldier wearing the

Marne patch on his right soldier. That pride cannot waiver now, even when we almost feel as though we've been pulled off the plane.

We may be missing our families. Some may be missing graduations, births and all of the other milestones that have happened since we first deployed and will

continue to occur while we serve our fellow citizens here.

A soldier's life is never easy, especially at times like these.

We've been through a lot since this division first crossed the international border between Kuwait and Iraq March 21.

We'll probably continue to go through a lot in the coming weeks and months.

But if we continue to focus on the missions at hand and keep our heads high, this will all end and we'll be on that convoy heading south, putting it all behind us.



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

A long convoy of 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) vehicles roll toward the setting sun during the division's push to Baghdad in late March.

is they're usually not right. When we first came to Kuwait, our orders included a little phrase that said "until completion of mission." We may have thought the mission was over after Baghdad fell and Hussein pulled his disappearing act, but the folks in charge decided there's more to do before the Marne Division can go home.

Some of the units that have spent more time over here are already beginning their well-deserved redeployments.

The rest of us may have to wait a little longer, but we can't

Amusement park reopens in Baghdad

STAFF SGT. CONRAD COLLEGE
372nd MPAD

The sound of children happily and noisily playing filled the air June 3 as a local amusement park reopened for the first time in at least two months. The “grand reopening,” as it was called, was due largely to the efforts of soldiers with 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

“We helped get everything working again,” said Maj. Todd Mercer, an information operations officer with 2nd Brigade. “We helped in several areas, such as getting the electric generator repaired and getting other electrical circuits, motors and wiring working again.”

He said park operators actually did most of the cleanup and repairs. “We also helped them get the water running – a few things like that— and we provided the security for outside the gate,” Mercer said. The operators provided their own security inside the walls of the amusement park, he added.

Hundreds of children, and in many cases their parents, too, flooded into the park like an incoming tide when the gates were opened. Free admission and free rides, plus a lot of security, provided by 82nd Airborne soldiers, ensured a full park and a happy day for hundreds of children.

Inside the park were many of the same types of rides Americans are used to seeing at carnivals or small county fairs, including a Ferris wheel, bumper cars, and a large sliding board.

There were about a dozen different types of rides in the small amusement park. A vendor was even selling pink cotton candy and other snacks.

A number of 82nd Airborne soldiers, walking around with their rifles, provided security outside the park.

Many of the children seemed to be very interested in meeting the American soldiers and in seeing their equipment up close.

“Hello, Mister!” they would say in English, smiling and waving.

Meanwhile, inside the park, the Ferris wheel, full of squealing children and, in many cases, their parents, spun around and around and the bumper cars bumped into each other, again and again, and life in Baghdad took a turn for the better.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Conrad College

A young Iraqi girl enjoys the slide at an amusement park in Baghdad. The park reopened June 3 with the assistance of 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, after being closed for at least two months.



A group of Iraqi children jam together to get into a bumper car ride. The rides were free on “grand reopening” day.



Two Iraqi women, and their children, enjoy a Ferris wheel ride.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) assistant division commander (Maneuver), pins an award on a soldier during the Combat Infantry Badge/Combat Medical Badge ceremony at 4th Bn., 64th AR June 8, while Lt. Col. Phillip deCamp, 4-64 commander, looks on.

TF Tusker infantry, medics receive high honors

SPC. KATHERINE ROBINSON
50th PAD

Nearly 200 soldiers received the most coveted awards in their professions at a ceremony June 8 at 4th Battalion, 64th Armor.

The combat infantry badge and the combat medical badge are the highest honors infantrymen and medics can achieve. One hundred and fifty one soldiers in Task Force 4-64 earned the CIB and 28 soldiers earned the CMB.

"As you wear this badge, wear it with honor," Lt. Col. Philip deCamp, 4-64 commander said. "You need to recollect those of us – our comrades – who (earned) these badges, who are not with us.

"You join an elite few who own these badges," he continued, "and some people have paid the ultimate sacrifice for these badges. You have a large burden to bear, because you represent them."

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) assistant division commander (Maneuver), pinned the CIB and CMB awards on the soldiers one by one, thanking them for a job well done.

After the ceremony, Austin spoke to the soldiers as a group for the first time since leaving Kuwait in March.

"I asked you to go hard and go fast when



you got the call to go forward," Austin said. "And that, indeed, you did ... I also asked you to do the things you were trained to do ... not once did I see a soldier hesitate in the face of danger, not once did I have to see somebody dragged to do their job."

He said the soldiers would be given a great deal of credit in the future for having started what will someday be the world's youngest democracy – Iraq.

"You finished the fight on one day and were helping the citizens of Iraq the next day," Austin said. "Only you can do that. Only well-trained and highly disciplined soldiers can do that."

"You combat infantrymen and combat

medics have done an extraordinary job in liberating the people of Iraq," deCamp agreed. "We're extremely proud of your performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom. America is extremely proud of your heroism and bravery under fire during Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The soldiers stood proudly at attention as they listened to the history of both badges, and waited for Austin to pin the awards on their chests.

Pvt. 2 Adam Consider, an A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment soldier from Middletown, Rhode Island, was the youngest soldier in the unit to receive the CIB.

At 19 years old, Consider has been in the Army only eight months including basic training, and is now the owner of the infantryman's crowning achievement.

"I'm proud of it. I did my job," Consider said. "I was nervous but I was pretty well-trained."

Austin congratulated the soldiers, then told them their job is not done, and to keep their heads in the game despite the pause in action.

"We still have some work to do and we are aware of that," he said. "We're going to finish the fight, whatever that may be, all the way to the end. If there is fighting to be done, we will fight."

Engineers: 11th, Iraqi refurbish hospital

Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson
372nd MPAD

The U.S. Army has tasked units to oversee the reconstruction and refurbishing of the run-down and neglected hospitals and public facilities in their assigned sectors.

The 11th Engineer Battalion, a 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) unit, has organized a host nation support team that has been coordinating with local civilians in their sector to acquire materials and manpower necessary to begin rebuilding the Al-Wasity Hospital there, as well as other public facilities and vital infrastructure locations.

"We have brought engineers and repairmen to look at the building," said Capt. James R. Lockridge, officer-in-charge of the host-nation support team. "We did a three-day engineering assessment from civil, electric and mechanical standpoints. Based on that assessment, we spent about \$3,000 to purchase repair materials."

The tools and materials were put into the hands of Iraqi workers who were hired that morning.

In fact, Lockridge and his team hires new workers every day according to what the task at hand requires. More than 400 Iraqi workers show up every morning looking for work. The engineers pay them with specially allotted discretionary funds out of frozen Iraqi gov-



An Iraqi contract worker puts a plumbing fixture together at a hospital in Baghdad.



Photos by Cpl. Todd Pruden

An Iraqi worker, contracted by 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), unload light bulbs from a van to install in a local hospital.

ernment accounts, Lockridge said.

For the hospital reconstruction mission, the team hired about 200 workers, to perform everything from trash removal to clearing clogged drains.

With the help of some of Baghdad's best civil engineers, the hospital will not only be fully functional, but far beyond where it was under the former regime, Lockridge said.

The engineers have also been working to replace circuit breakers that were stolen by looters after the conflict.

The 11th Engineer Battalion's host-nation support team, provided the materials and services to repair the hospital, and also fixed the building's electric generators in order to provide continuous power to each room on each floor.

Lockridge and his team have been able to use some of the Iraqi discretionary funds to hire engineers as well, who will oversee and carry out reconstruction operations across his entire sector.

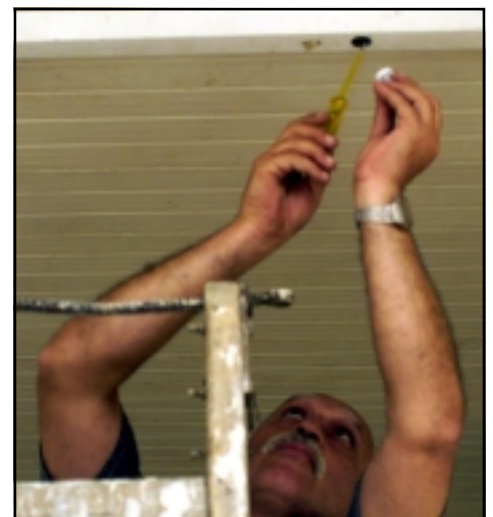
Nine engineers, all with master's degrees and above, are employed as managerial and administrative staff for the reconstruction team for their technical expertise and knowledge of Iraq's general infrastructure layout, he said.

"We hope to accomplish, four key infrastructure facilities inside our zone, at the minimum, an operational standard," Lockridge

said.

The team's current list of accomplishments includes providing support to the Baghdad College of Pharmacy, where they repaired and restored power to four auditoriums, the student lounge, dean's office and teachers' offices.

"It has been a really rewarding experience to come here, first of all to defeat Saddam's regime and accept the gratitude of the Iraqi people, and then to turn around and hire Iraqis to help Iraqis," said Lockridge. "The excitement of building an organization from the ground up has been amazing."



An Iraqi contract worker replaces a light bulb at a hospital in Baghdad.

2-3 Avn. reins turned over to Bannon

SPC. JACOB BOYER
3ID (M) PAO

Command of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment changed hands in a ceremony May 31 at Baghdad International Airport.

Lt. Col. Robert Bannon took command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Howard R. Ferguson, who will be serving in the Military District of Washington as part of the G-8.

Bannon said he was "excited" to be joining the Knighthawk team.

"I am very fortunate to follow the dedicated command team of Lt. Col. Ferguson," he said.

Bannon, a Warwick, R.I., native, graduated from St. Leo College in 1986. After completing the Aviation Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to the 203rd Assault Helicopter Company in Schwaebisch Hall, Germany, where he served as platoon leader and operations officer.

During that tour he was assigned as the operations officer and detachment commander for the Beirut Air Bridge Flight Detachment in Akrotiri, Cyprus. Upon return from Cyprus, he deployed with the 11th Aviation Brigade to Saudi Arabia and participated in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

After completing the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Bannon served as company

commander, assistant personnel officer and assistant operations officer for 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment at Fort Bragg, N.C. He served as the director of operations for the Flight Concepts Division at Fort Eustis, Va., from 1995 to 2000.

After completing the Naval Command and Staff College in 2001, he was assigned to the Military District of Washington, D.C., where he served as the operations officer for the Special Operations Division at the Pentagon.

Bannon and his wife, Traci, have four children, Stefanie, Megan, Casey and Riley.

"Robert Bannon is the right man to replace (Lt. Col.) Howard Ferguson," said Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade.

"He will use his extensive combat aviation experience to hone the edge of an already razor-sharp unit."



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Lt. Col. Robert Bannon, commander, 2-3 Aviation, accepts the battalion colors from Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade during a change of command ceremony May 31 at Baghdad International Airport.

Mail picks up pace, soldiers' morale

PFC. THOMAS DAY
Special to The Liberator

With soldiers previously receiving packages more than a month from the day they were mailed, the 129th Postal Company out of Fort Bragg, N.C., has decreased turnover rates in half as it catches up with the backload accumulated during the war.

"Because of the backload of mail, anytime we moved, we had to stop mail," said 2nd Lt. Paula Thompson of Dewitt, Mich., who is operating both with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) and 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) here in Mosul.

The 3rd and 4th platoons, attached with the 101st, have moved eight times since the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mail load, according to Thompson, sometimes totaled "75,000 pounds a day... all by hand, one by one."

Soldiers now looking to take advantage of the new, faster mail service must also take heed in policies governing what can be sent from Mosul.

Guidance from V Corps tells soldiers what can and cannot be sent through the mail service, to include alcoholic beverages, pork products and "all captured enemy equipment."



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Typical mail loads can sometimes total more than 75,000 pounds a day, all of which has to be sorted by hand and distributed in a timely manner to soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CA teams assess Baghdad's water plants

SGT. MARK BELL
372nd MPAD

With a shrinking supply of bottled water being transported daily from more than 400 miles away in Kuwait, U.S. military officials here are looking elsewhere for an abundant supply of fresh, safe, drinking water.

Local civil affairs assessment teams have began a process of evaluating local Baghdad bottled water suppliers to see if it is safe and realistic to supply thousands of coalition soldiers with water supplied from the Tigris River, which flows through the city.

Col. Mohammed Ibraheim, health care team chief, and his team of medical personnel recently visited the first of several bottled water plants operating in the area.

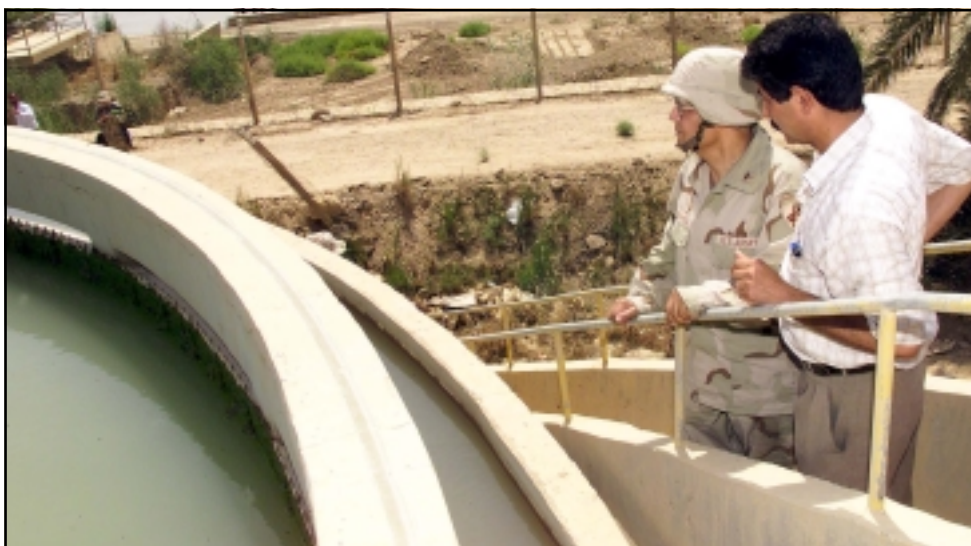
"We want to find a safe source of water for our soldiers," he said.

Since 1983, the plant has been draining more than 1,600 cubic meters of water from the Tigris River each day.

Currently, the facility is able to fill more than 18,000 1.5 liter bottles of clear, bacteria-free drinking water.

The water is made safe to drink by traveling through pipes into a holding pool and into a sophisticated series of chemical treatments, ultra-violet lights and sand filters.

Plant lead engineer Maan Hoamoodi, said the plant is fully operational and ready to sup-



Photos by Sgt. Mark Bell

Col. Mohammed Ibraheim, 352nd Civil Affairs Brigade's health care team chief, assesses a water-holding tank at a local water-bottling plant.

ply coalition forces with bottled water just miles away from the main military complex in the city.

"We have the best-tasting water around," he told the CA team. "I would encourage anyone to taste our competitor's water and compare us together. We are very confident about our water safety and taste."

Hoamoodi said although the impurities in the Tigris River are bad, his plant uses the latest technologies to improve the water. "We have much higher standards than other factories. To ensure even more safety in our water, we even produce our own bottles," he said.

One major concern for the team was the possibility of outsiders or plant workers tampering with the water supply, which could result in devastating medical concern for American and coalition forces.

"We are concerned with sabotage," Ibraheim told plant managers. "We must make sure there would be no sabotage during production of the water."

Hoamoodi and his staff quickly argued that their formula of security, production methods and personally screening the 670 employees operating the plant, makes it nearly impossible to tamper with the end product.

"We are watching our line during production," Hoamoodi said. "Our workers use gloves and other items to prevent bacteria from entering the system. There is no chance for anyone throwing something into our tanks. We take great pride in our water."

Hoamoodi said an additional daily random

check of boxed cases of water ensures safety.

Hoamoodi described the safety features embedded into the process to insure quality. From a 48-hour hold on each day's production, staffs of scientists and microbiologists are able to sample each lot to ensure their zero tolerance for bacterial colonies present in the water.

Although they had no specific requirements on the amount of water needed to supply a division or the date required for delivery of bottled water, Ibraheim's team continued to seek other bottled water distributors to keep coalition forces thirsts quenched.



Water from the Tigris River flows into a bottled-water plant from pipes. Filtration and chemical enhancements are included in the bottling process.



Hundreds of empty, plastic 1.5 liter bottles collect in a bin before being filled with safe, drinkable water at a local water-bottling plant.

TF Neighborhood scores with stadium cleanup

Day culminates with soccer game between locals, soldiers

SGT. CRAIG ZENTKOVICH
50th PAD

For Americans, it's baseball. For Iraqis, it's soccer – pastimes that people of all ages can find joy and common ground in.

That is why the people of northern Baghdad and the U.S. Army took a keen interest in repairing and cleaning a soccer stadium that had become a symbol of their national pastime and an icon in their community.

Task Force Neighborhood, a V Corps' community improvement program, and 200 area residents cleaned and repaired the stadium and surrounding complex May 25, undoing the damage done by the Iraqi army in the months leading up to the war.

"Four months before the war, an Iraqi airborne battalion occupied the stadium and utilized it as a hasty barracks and training area," explained Lt. Col. Thad Hill, 3rd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, Florida National Guard, battalion commander.

"There were over 50 fighting positions around the stadium alone," Hill said.

The two practice fields adjacent to the stadium were also littered with fighting positions, trash and military equipment.

Additionally, thieves, looters and vandals targeted the stadium when the Iraqi army left, adding to its state of disrepair.

"(The looters and thieves) took everything they could get their hands on," Hill said.

Hill's battalion took over security in the sector from an infantry battalion of the 101st Airborne Division last month.

"Air conditioners, irrigation pumps, furniture and railings were all stolen. They even tried to take the stadium seats," he said.

The daylong effort, which began at 8 a.m., used the 535th Engineer Company and B Company, 142nd Engineer Battalion, and their earth-moving equipment to fill in the scores of six-foot-deep fighting positions on the two practice fields, flatten the fields and carry away the collected trash.

"The (engineer) assets are invaluable for projects like this," said 1st Sgt. J. A. Gliedman, 535th Eng. Co. first sergeant and Task Force Neighborhood coordinator. "It makes a lot of work possible in very little time."

The area residents participating in the project consisted of general laborers, electri-



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Sgt. Jose L. Rodriguez, A Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, attaches a net to a goal before a soccer match between local Iraqis and 1st Brigade Combat Team soldiers in northern Baghdad May 25.

cians and welders working for a day's wage.

"This is a chance for the people to take pride in their community and earn some money," Gliedman said. "This and all of the Task Force Neighborhood projects show the people we're here to help them – we want to better their lives."

Aside from work being done to the stadium, residents had the opportunity to have work done on them.

Army dentists were on site to perform checkups and extractions for those in need, and a physician's assistant provided treatment

for minor ailments.

"The fact that we're able to employ many slice elements gives this project a big boost," Gliedman said.

Those slice elements included a military police company, civil affairs team, public affairs team and psychological operations team who took advantage of the opportunity to reach hundreds of people by distributing products and providing information to the populace.

By day's end, more than 200 fighting positions were filled in, the two practice fields were flattened and 20 tons of trash were hauled away, according to Lt. Col. Todd Wood, 1st Brigade Combat Team deputy commander.

The last order of business for the day was a soccer game between the locals and soldiers of 3rd Bn., 124th Inf., using the two nets and one of five soccer balls donated to the stadium by 1st Brigade Combat Team.

The final outcome, which didn't come as a surprise to most of the spectators, was a 5-0 Iraqi victory. Nonetheless, the soldiers found the day to be a great success.

"This was a great opportunity for (the Army) and the people here to build a trusting relationship and have some fun in the process," said Spc. Timothy Kitchen, B Company, 3rd Bn., 124th Inf. "I think we've accomplished that."



Iraqi workers put the finishing touches on their cleanup effort at the soccer stadium in northern Baghdad for Task Force Neighborhood.



A goodwill contest concluded the Task Force Neighborhood project at the soccer stadium. Soldiers from 1st BCT could only watch as local Iraqis ran circles around soldiers from 3rd Bn., 124th Inf., on the soccer field. The Iraqis won the match 5-0.



A soldier tries unsuccessfully to get the ball away from an Iraqi opposing team member.



A bucket loader from 535th Engineer Company collects military clothing and trash from a practice field at the soccer stadium.

Fowler takes command of 3-7 Cav

SPC. JACOB BOYER
3ID (M) PAO

Command of 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment changed hands in a ceremony June 2 at Baghdad International Airport. Lt. Col. Andrew H. Fowler took command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Terry R. Ferrell, who will be attending the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Fowler said he was impressed with the squadron and proud to take command.

"You have done a remarkable job, and it's a testament to your leadership," he said. "You have an unparalleled reputation across the Army and that reputation precedes you across the country. Gary Owen!"

Fowler, a Dallas native, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1985. Upon completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Ky., he was assigned as a tank platoon leader and company executive officer with B Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment in Baumholder, Germany.

After completing the Armor Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served as squadron motor officer, C Troop commander and assistant regimental logistics officer and deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm while there. He was a member of the live fire team at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., from 1993 to 1996. He followed that by serving as the plans and operations advisor to the Saudi National Guard.

After completing the Command and General Staff College, Fowler was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas as liaison officer to the Digital Force Coordination Cell. He also served as the operations officer for 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment and executive officer to 1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment while there. His most recent assignment



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Lt. Col. Andrew H. Fowler, commander, 3-7 Cavalry, accepts the battalion guidon from Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade. Fowler assumed command on the battalion in a ceremony June 2 at Baghdad International Airport.

was as an instructor at the Center for Army Tactics at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

"This squadron has a rich history of courage and commitment to the cause of freedom," said Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade. "They experienced some of the fiercest and most intense fighting of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now Lt. Col. Fowler can set a new azimuth for this great unit and take them to new heights."

Fowler and his wife, Karen, have four children, Rhiannon, Hannah, Megan and Matthew.

Soldiers 'engineer' Al Mansur cleanup

CPL. TODD PRUDEN
372nd MPAD

U.S. Army soldiers helped the cleanup effort in the Al Mansur area of Baghdad recently. Using heavy equipment, they helped move trash that had been dumped in an empty lot to a regular city landfill.

After Operation Iraqi Freedom kicked off, regular trash collection came to a halt, according to Spc. Paul Kazmerzak, a heavy equipment operator with Headquarters Support Company, 94th Engineer Battalion.

"The locals have been cleaning up trash themselves and dumping it themselves," said Kazmerzak. "It (the impromptu garbage dump) is a breeding ground for disease and insects."

Because of the lack of trash collection, the citizens of Baghdad had to take matters into



Cpl. Todd Pruden

An unused Iraqi missile rests atop a vehicle at a trash dump in the Al Mansur area of Baghdad.

their own hands and dispose of the waste themselves wherever they could find an empty lot or space.

In at least one part of Baghdad, some people dumped trash on the median in the streets.

Now the clean-up effort is in full swing, and a return to normalcy for the citizens of Baghdad is a top priority for coalition forces. U.S. soldiers have been called to the task of giving a helping hand.

In the Al Mansur area of Baghdad the lot that was used for dumping trash by the residents of the neighborhood used to be a common playground for kids.

"I understand kids used to play soccer here," Kazmerzak stated. "We are just moving it (the trash) to where it's supposed to go."

According to Sgt. Richard Brown, a heavy equipment operator with the Command Support Element, 535th Engineer Company, the waste is being loaded onto dump trucks and hauled to a landfill outside the city.

"The main priority is getting it away from the city population," said Brown.

Stay a step ahead with preventive med

SPC. ADAM NUELKEN

3ID (M) PAO

Soldiers deployed to Iraq face many health hazards they normally don't face while in the states. The hazards can be found in the form of bacterial infections, mosquitoes, ice and even trying to break up the monotony of daily life in Iraq.

Some of these health hazards can be treated and prevented by the use of insect repellents and proper hygiene.

Personal hygiene is one of the best ways for soldiers to fight back against possible illnesses that could leave them with dysentery or other infections.

"There's a propensity for people to get a little lax in personal hygiene due to a lack of water," according to Maj. John Balser, assistant division surgeon for 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). "Now that we have shower facilities and hand washing facilities near the latrines, a lot of that has been reduced."

Balser recommends using hand sterilizers and baby wipes as a substitute only when water and soap are not available because they aren't as effective in killing germs that can cause illnesses.

"What we've seen more than anything are germs that cause the gastrointestinal disease that they're terming 'Saddam's Revenge,' also called traveler's diarrhea," Balser, from Richmond Hill, Ga. said.

These cases show symptoms of nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, and it usually lasts 24 to 48 hours.

Some of the other illnesses that can be transmitted are more severe, such as dysentery.

Initially, "Saddam's Revenge" was the most common illness of its nature, but it has been progressing to dysentery-types of infections, according to Balser. But the numbers for this illness aren't as high.

Another concern for soldiers in Iraq is contracting the mosquito-borne disease malaria.

"We are at the edge of the big malaria area for Iraq – the Euphrates River valley," he said. "There are a number of different types of mosquitoes out here, but there are only a few that carry the malaria string."

However, the chances for soldiers to contract malaria are small because they have to be bitten by one of the few types of mosqui-



Courtesy photo

Investigations at Baghdad International Airport haven't turned up many of the malaria carrying type of mosquitoes.

toes that carry the malaria string, and that mosquito had to have gotten a blood meal from somebody with malaria.

Initial investigations haven't turned up many of the malaria carrying type of mosquitoes. There have been a few suspected cases of malaria, but Balser said he has not heard of any confirmed cases.

The use of insect repellents, DEET on clothing and mosquito netting will greatly reduce the chance of becoming dinner for the pests, lessening the possibility of contracting malaria from them.

The rising heat and humidity helps in the increase of the mosquitoes, but it also increases soldiers' desire for something cold to drink, and ice is one of the great items soldiers have to keep their drinks cold in the perpetual heat of Iraq.

But it also carries the bacterium *Escherichia coli*, which can cause severe food poisoning. However, simple care and caution can prevent any illnesses it carries.

"Don't eat the ice. It's the same as don't eat yellow snow!" Balser exclaimed. "The ice is fine for cooling your beverages down, but don't mix the ice with drinking water."

Also when cooling drinks, "make sure the cap of your bottle is not submerged in the

water with the ice in it," he added.

"The numbers for the *E. coli* have been really low, so this is a concentration issue, Balser said. "Given enough time, *E. coli* will multiply in water, so you need to make sure you change the water frequently. Don't continue adding ice to water."

Tuberculosis is another bacterial infection that soldiers can contract.

The disease thrives in Third World and developing countries such as Iraq, but "the risk of tuberculosis is fairly low for the soldiers who aren't around it. The soldiers who have a lot of contact with Iraqis are at higher risk of contracting tuberculosis," Balser explained. "That's why we do the skin tests once we return back to the United States."

While soldiers are not out patrolling and facing the possible health hazards of being in downtown Baghdad, they face more physical problems while trying to fight boredom.

"Right now the greatest risks to soldiers that are not actively engaged in combat operations are things they are doing to kill the monotony, so sports injuries are beginning to go on the rise," he stressed. "Aggressive football games or grudge matches should be avoided."

The more active the soldiers are, the more they need to drink water, and when it comes to staying hydrated and healthy, drinking sodas and eating chips are not the answer, Balser



Courtesy photo

A line of soldiers keep hydrated in the desert.

added.

"If individuals are relying on the PX for their entire sustenance, they're doing themselves a disservice. Proper nutrition and drinking water will keep them healthy," he explained.

Potable water from the water buffalos has been approved for drinking, and the dining facilities use it for making beverages consumed by soldiers.



Courtesy photo

The bacterium *Escherichia coli* can cause severe food poisoning.

Not just a part-time job

Army Reserve, National Guard soldiers make their mark in Baghdad

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372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Part-time soldiers often are tasked to accomplish a full-time job. Army Reserve and National Guard units, considered part-time and support units during peace time, are sometimes forced to the front lines to perform with the military's best and brightest when the U.S. government calls upon them during war time.

Such is the case with C Company, 3rd Battalion, 124th Infantry, Florida Army National Guard out of Chipley, Fla., the unit that was right alongside 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) during the initial push into Iraq.

They are the first and only Army Reserve/National Guard unit to have taken control of a sector in Baghdad, and have been assigned to provide security for the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance as well; neither of which can be considered part-time.

"Our mission from the beginning has been long, hard and very dangerous at some times," said Spc. Amos L. Cutchins, a soldier with the unit.

"I feel that our role in the missions that we were faced with was very important."

The first task soldiers of C Company were assigned was providing security for an air defense artillery battery as they fought their

way up through southern Iraq, said Staff Sgt. Robert A. Peters, one of the company's squad leaders.

Since the end of hostilities, however, C Company has had to transition into a guarding role for ORHA. Their new job entails manning checkpoints and checking identification and credentials of individuals wanting access to the presidential palace, home of ORHA.

Cpl. Chris G. Hunt, also a squad leader with C Company, has also recognized the transition that his unit has had to undergo as coalition forces try to restore order in Baghdad.

"As the mortar squad leader for my company, I am responsible for timely and effective fire support," Hunt said. "As the war is winding down, my squad's role has changed from fire support. Our primary mission now is providing security for ORHA."

Each of the C Company soldiers, although they have gone through some difficult situations, has developed a sense of gratefulness for the freedoms they are entitled to in their homeland as U.S. citizens. Seeing the suffering of the Iraqi people has been an enlightening experience that provides a stark comparison to the liberty U.S. residents are afforded.

The conflict has been a long, hard road for many soldiers, but it has made many aware of what life in many locations outside the U.S. looks like, said Pfc. Kenneth A. Williams, a soldier with C Company.

"I look at things differently now, and thank God more for what I do have," he said.

"The way I feel about our unit's role is that if we can give the people of Iraq half the freedom that we have in the U.S., then we have accomplished our mission," Peters said. "The experience that I have had over here is unlike anything I have been through. We don't realize how good we have it back in the states."

"This has made me realize what is important to me," Williams said. "Coming through the desert without the normal stuff that we had back at home made me respect it more."

"I consider myself fortunate to be taking part in the liberation of the Iraqi people," Hunt said. "While our job has been dangerous and stressful at times, particularly in the Iraqi desert under the threat of the Scud attack and during combat, but I still feel like we are part of a noble undertaking."



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Pfc. Ramarcus Ogan, a metalworker with the 535th Engineer Company, a Reserve Component unit, braces a steel door while grinding off the rough spots. Ogan welded hinges and repaired doors at an elementary school in al-Hurriyah, Baghdad.

GLOBAL NEWS

WMD report consistent with U.S. case

CNN

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials denied June 6 that a Defense Intelligence Agency report from September 2002 in any way conflicted with U.S. claims about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The responses came after CNN obtained an unclassified one-page summary of the DIA Operational Support Study, in which the Pentagon's military intelligence wing said there was "no reliable information" that Iraq was producing new chemical weapons at the time.

The report said there was intelligence suggesting that Saddam Hussein was distributing chemical weapons in advance of a possible war, and concluded, "Although we lack any direct information, Iraq probably possesses CW (chemical weapons) agents in chemical munitions."

The document from the Pentagon's military intelligence wing came as the Bush administration was working to win international backing for tough action against Saddam, who Bush said had weapons of mass destruction that he would willingly give to terrorist groups.

DIA Director Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby said Friday that though his agency "could not specifically pin down individual facilities



DIA Director Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby says his agency does not doubt that Iraq had a weapons of mass destruction program.

operating as part of the weapons of mass destruction programs, specifically the chemical warfare portion," it did not doubt that such a program was active or "part of the Iraqi WMD (weapons of mass destruction) infrastructure."

The DIA joined in the U.S. intelligence community's assessment that Saddam's regime had a program to develop weapons of mass destruction, Jacoby said. Sources famil-

iar with the full report emphasized that it focused on activities in Iraq after U.N. weapons inspectors left in 1998, and not earlier years when Iraq was known to have been producing chemical and biological weapons, which it later acknowledged.

A senior White House official said the DIA report "in its entirety is fully consistent with the case the U.S. made, the U.N. made, fully consistent with the public case made by other governments," as well as with Secretary of State Colin Powell's testimony to the United Nations and information U.N. weapons inspectors have provided, in its assessment that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and that some remain unaccounted for.

White House officials said they did not know whether President Bush had seen the report, and said it is not likely that a document at this level would have reached his desk.

No evidence has been found to prove Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, and some U.S. lawmakers have publicly questioned whether the Bush administration slanted or manipulated intelligence data to build a case for war.

The Senate Intelligence and Armed Services committees are reviewing classified background documents related to the administration's prewar statements.

Saddam's suspected hiding place excavated

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Using bulldozers, backhoes and loaders, U.S. Army combat engineers dug through a rubble-filled crater June 4, trying to determine whether Saddam Hussein died in an April 7 airstrike on the house where he was believed to be hiding.

The site was attacked two days before U.S. forces took control of the capital. The U.S. military said at the time that it had reliable information that Saddam and members of his family and entourage were there.

"For us to expend the amount of money it took to destroy this place, it must have been a key target," said Maj. Scott Slaten of the newly arrived 1st Armored Division, which is now assuming responsibility for Baghdad.

An engineering unit of the Utah National Guard was excavating the site and moving the rubble to an undisclosed location to be examined for human remains, Slaten said.

The United States does not know Saddam's fate. Video allegedly taken on April 9 showed him atop a vehicle waving to supporters in the Azamiyah neighborhood. But U.S. officials question the accuracy of the footage.

For the six weeks that followed the end of fighting, the two-floor home in the upscale Mansour district — in which at least 14 civilians are believed to have died — was left mostly undisturbed.

On Wednesday afternoon, Lt. Gen. David McKiernan — commander of U.S. ground troops in Iraq — said searchers combing through the rubble in al-Mansour had not yet come across any DNA that would prove that Saddam had been killed.

"We don't have any evidence of any blacklisted remains," he said, referring to remains of Iraqi regime figures who have been blacklisted by the U.S. military. He added that U.S. troops searched the site after they occupied Baghdad.

"We did this initially, (but) it's been apparent that we didn't do a thorough enough job," McKiernan said. "We will account for Saddam Hussein (and his sons) Qusai and Odai at some point."

Treasures of Nimrud found in Iraqi vault

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — The world-famous treasures of Nimrud, unaccounted for since Baghdad fell two months ago, have been located in good condition in the country's Central Bank — in a secret vault-inside-a-vault submerged in sewage water, U.S. occupation authorities said Saturday.

They also said fewer than 50 items from the collection of the Iraqi National Museum's main exhibition are still missing after the looting and destruction that followed the U.S. capture of Baghdad.

The artifacts — gold earrings, finger and toe rings, necklaces, plates, bowls and flasks, many of them elaborately engraved and set with semiprecious stones or enamel — were found Thursday when the vault was opened, according to an official of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the official name of the U.S.-led occupation force.

He said they were "largely unscathed," though it was unclear if the sewage water caused any damage at all.

The Nimrud treasures date back to about 900 B.C. They were discovered by Iraqi archaeologists in the late 1980s in four royal tombs at the site of the ancient city of Nimrud near Mosul in northern Iraq.

The treasures, one of the 20th century's most significant archaeological finds, have not been seen in public since the early 1990s. Their discovery will help assuage the worries of archaeologists concerning the country's ancient treasures.

Nimrud, destroyed in 612 B.C., was the second capital of Assyria, an ancient kingdom that sat partly in what is today Iraq.

The discovery of the treasures in the royal tombs surprised archaeologists at the time, because members of the royal family were thought to be buried only in the holy city of Assur.

"Early inspection of the pieces suggest that they are in good condition," said a statement issued by the provisional authority.

It said a team from the British Museum will join Iraqi experts to find the best way to protect them.



Looted artifacts are seen on a table at the Iraqi National Museum in Baghdad, Iraq, in this May 6 file photo, after they were recovered. The world-famous treasures of Nimrud, unaccounted for since Baghdad fell two months ago, have been found in good condition in the Central Bank, in a secret vault-inside-a-vault, submerged in sewage water. U.S. occupation forces also announce that fewer than 50 items from the Iraqi National Museum's main exhibition remain unaccounted for after April's looting and destruction.

AP

The coalition official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at a news briefing that the number of artifacts looted or lost from the Iraqi National Museum after the fall of Baghdad was significantly exaggerated.

Of the 170,000 initially thought to be missing, 3,000 remain unaccounted for. These mostly are not worthy of museum exhibition and include items such as small shards of pottery.

The official said 47 main exhibition items are missing.

A total of 64 pieces from that collection had been looted, said the coalition announcement.

The coalition official said one or two of the museum's galleries will open later this month, but gave no further details.

"It is a great relief that so much of the museum's main collection is safe and in good condition," said Pietro Cordone, the provisional authority's senior adviser on cultural affairs.

However, Cordone went on to say there is no room for complacency.

"There are still important items that are missing from the museum's collection."

Since shortly after Saddam's government fell in April, a team of U.S. investigators has catalogued the museum's contents.

Earlier this week, the team found another secret vault containing 179 boxes.

Inside were nearly 8,000 of the most important items from the museum collection, the coalition said.

It did not give the location of the vault.

Investigators' work, the coalition said, is nearing an end — at least formally.

"Closure of the investigation does not mean that our efforts to retrieve the missing items will end

too," said Cordone, a former Italian diplomat.

According to U.S. Marine Col. Matthew Bogdanos, head of the American investigation team, some looted items have been recovered under a no-questions-asked amnesty program, while others were found in raids.

The looting of the museum, home of extraordinary Babylonian, Sumerian and Assyrian collections and rare Islamic texts, caused an international uproar.

Many archaeologists blame U.S. forces, saying they failed to protect the central Baghdad institution when they captured the city April 9.

U.S. military commanders have rejected the charges, saying the museum was not on the list of sites their troops were ordered to secure upon entering the city.

Home surveillance camera shows child's abduction

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — On most days, Karen Kamfolt's home surveillance cameras capture images of children laughing and playing outside, or of neighbors walking their dogs alongside neatly trimmed lawns

But Friday, the cameras recorded snippets of a chilling after-school abduction — Kamfolt's bloodied neighbor running out of her San Jose home and screaming for her 9-year-old daughter as a man sped off with the terrified girl in the back seat of his car, crushing some rose bushes along the way.

Jennette Tamayo was still missing Saturday and presumed to be with the man, who brutally attacked the girl's unsuspecting mother and brother before screeching off.

The mother and 15-year-old brother told police they did not recognize the intruder.

Police released a sketch of the man Saturday as they reviewed the neighbor's videotape and other crime scene evidence for clues, and tracked possible leads of the girl's whereabouts.

"It still looks like a stranger abduction, and he definitely targeted the home," San Jose police officer Catherine Unger said.

Interviews with the victims and other family members did not reveal any motive for the abduction, police said.

The grainy surveillance video did not have



Jennette Tamayo, of San Jose, Calif., is shown in an undated photo from her ID card.

any clear shots of the kidnapper's license plate or his face, but it does show the man waited in his car outside the Tamayo house until the girl returned home alone around 4:20 p.m. Friday, police said.

The mother and brother arrived home about fifteen minutes later, confronting the intruder. The mother, 31-year-old Rosalie Tamayo, was badly beaten, and the brother was choked. Both were treated at a hospital and released.

Corrie Monzon, who lives next door, heard screams but thought it was just children play-

ing until Tamayo, hysterical and her face covered in blood, ran up to her house and started shaking the gate.

"Amiga, amiga, I need your help," Monzon recalled her neighbor screaming. "Please call 911. He's got Jennette. He's got Jennette."

Shaken, Monzon dialed five times before she successfully punched 911.

Jennette lives with her mother, brother and stepfather, who is a tree trimmer, Monzon said. The family moved into the peaceful, family-oriented, middle-class neighborhood about a year and a half ago, Monzon said.

Police said Jennette and her brother have different biological fathers. Investigators have contacted Jennette's father — whom police did not identify. "He is not a strong suspect," Unger said.

The surveillance tape shows the assailant getting out of his car and approaching the house within minutes of Jennette's arrival Friday, police said.

"It does appear he's waiting for this victim to get home," San Jose police Sgt. Steve Dixon said. "Clearly, he knew where the house was."

Police initially thought it might have been a burglary gone wrong, but the man took only a few token items and the video suggested he did not try to conceal that he was targeting Jennette's house, Dixon said.

Martha Stewart indicted, will quit as CEO

USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart said June 4 she will quit as chairman and chief executive of her company, hours after she was indicted on obstruction of justice charges.

She will remain on the company's board of directors and has been named to the position of chief creative officer.

Her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., said board member Jeffrey Ubben, head of a private investment firm and the largest shareholder after Stewart herself, will serve as chairman, and company President Sharon Patrick will become CEO.

Earlier on Wednesday, Stewart and her former stockbroker were accused of interfering with a government investigation into her suspiciously timed sale of ImClone Systems Inc. stock a day before the company's cancer drug Erbitux received a devastating ruling from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Stewart and Peter Bacanovic both pleaded not guilty to all charges against them.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission also filed civil fraud charges against Stewart and her former stockbroker.

In a nine-count indictment, the government claims Stewart and

Bacanovic interfered with the investigation into the timing of her sale of ImClone Systems stock. She sold nearly 4,000 shares the day before ImClone delivered bad news that caused its stock to plummet.

At mid-afternoon June 5, she pleaded innocent before a federal judge to all charges. Bacanovic also pleaded innocent.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum released both, without setting bail, until their next hearings. The judge ordered Stewart to notify authorities three days ahead if she plans to leave the country.



Martha Stewart, center, leaves Manhattan federal court after her indictment.



Sports Highlights



NBA

Friday

New Jersey 87 San Antonio 85
Series tied 1-1

Sunday Game 3

San Antonio at New Jersey

WNBA

Thursday

Detroit 103, Connecticut 59
San Antonio 70, Phoenix 55
LA Sparks 63, Sacramento 61

Friday

Charlotte 69, Houston 58
Cleveland 63, Washington 53
NY Liberty 70, Minnesota 60

Saturday

Cleveland 67, Charlotte 57
Connecticut 65, Houston 58
New York Liberty 66, Indiana 86
Detroit 74, San Antonio 55
Los Angeles 70, Sacramento 61
Seattle 66, Phoenix 57

MLB

INTERLEAGUE PLAY

Wednesday

Boston 11, Pittsburgh 4
Anaheim 11, Montreal 2
Atlanta 5, Texas 2
Seattle 7, Philadelphia 2
Oakland 6, Florida 5
Cincinnati 6, NY Yankees 2
Milwaukee at NY Mets ppd
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 6, Baltimore 4
St. Louis 8, Toronto 5
Boston 8, Pittsburgh 3, GM 2
Colorado 2, Cleveland 1
Arizona 8, Chicago Sox 6
Detroit 5, San Diego 3
Kansas City 2, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 4, Minnesota 3

Thursday

Atlanta 8, Texas 4
Chicago Cubs 8, Tampa Bay 1
Colorado 7, Cleveland 4
Milwaukee 8, NY Mets 7
San Diego 5, Detroit 1

Montreal 8, Anaheim 7
Seattle 5, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 5, Boston 4
Florida 2, Oakland 0
NY Yankees 10, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 5, NY Mets 3, GM 2
Houston 11, Baltimore 1
St. Louis 13, Toronto 5
Chicago Sox 3, Arizona 2
Los Angeles 5, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 5, San Francisco 2

Friday

NY Yankees 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Montreal 13, Texas 10
Oakland 7, Philadelphia 4
Toronto 9, Cincinnati 2
NY Mets 3, Seattle 2
Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta ppd
Florida 4, Anaheim 1
Milwaukee 9, Boston 3
Houston 11, Tampa Bay 8
St. Louis 8, Baltimore 6
Minnesota 7, San Diego 5
Kansas City vs. Colorado ppd
Milwaukee 5, Game 2
Cleveland 6, Arizona 3
Los Angeles 2, Chicago Sox 1

San Francisco 5, Detroit 3

Saturday

Chicago Cubs 5, NY Yankees 2
Oakland vs. Philadelphia ppd
Kansas 13, Colorado 11
Kansas 9, Colorado 5 GM 2
San Francisco 7, Detroit 5
Baltimore 8, St. Louis 1
Arizona 5, Cleveland 3
Anaheim 9, Florida 2
Houston 5, Tampa Bay 4
Boston 11, Milwaukee 10
Montreal 5, Texas 4
Cincinnati 9, Toronto 8
Seattle vs. NY Mets ppd
Minnesota 6, San Diego 2
Chicago Sox 4, Los Angeles 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday

Atlanta 8, Pittsburgh 6

NHL

Saturday

Anaheim 5, New Jersey 2

Tszyu to defend title in Russia

Undisputed junior welterweight champion Kostya Tszyu is going home and former champion Sharmba Mitchell will be there to greet him. For the first time in his 11-year pro career, Tszyu will fight in his native Russia when he meets Mitchell in a rematch on Sept. 27 in Moscow (Showtime). "The deal is done," Showtime boxing boss Jay Larkin told USA TODAY on Thursday, shortly after concluding negotiations with Tszyu promoter Vlad Wharton and Mitchell promoter Gary Shaw.

Urlacher strikes deal

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — All-Pro line-backer Brian Urlacher has agreed to a new nine-year deal that will keep him with the Chicago Bears through the 2011 season.

Terms of the deal were not immediately available.

"This is the culmination of a lot of years of hard work," said Urlacher, the 2001 NFL Defensive Player of the Year. "I'm going to be a Bear for the rest of my career and that's exciting for me."

Griese goes fishing

MIAMI — Quarterback Brian Griese agreed to a two-year deal with the Miami Dolphins June 6, ending a weeklong courtship that began after he was released by the Denver Broncos.

Miami officials have not confirmed the deal. Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene declined comment.

Griese's agent, Ralph Cindrich, said the contract has not been signed. Griese is expected to arrive for a physical Sunday.

Serena gone in Paris

PARIS — Once again, two tough and talented young women from the same country will meet in the French Open tennis final. But this time Belgium, not the USA, provides the dominant duo. Justine Henin-Hardenne, the No. 4 seed, will join compatriot Kim Clijsters in the first all-Belgian Grand Slam singles final. Henin-Hardenne upset top seed Serena Williams 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 in the semifinals, ending Williams' bid for a fifth consecutive Grand Slam title.

PGA pro challenges Annika

POTOMAC, Md. — Taking exception to recent remarks by Annika Sorenstam, PGA Tour golfer John Riegger said Thursday he has backing for a \$1 million one-on-one challenge against the world's top female golfer. Riegger said the challenge would be stroke play over 18 holes with both players using the same tees. He said Sorenstam could choose the time and place.

"We'll have the cash on the tee if she wants to play," Riegger said.

Hall OKs Sammy's bats

All five of Sammy Sosa's bats belonging to the Hall of Fame showed no signs of cork or anything else that would violate baseball rules.

The shrine ran the bats through X-rays and CT scans after the Chicago Cubs' superstar slugger was ejected from a game for using a corked bat. The fact that 76 of Sosa's bats X-rayed June 5 were not corked will not lessen the disciplinary action for Tuesday's incident.